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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ATHERTON

CONFIRMING REF TELECON, REGRET IT NOT POSSIBLE FOR SOBER TO VISIT AMMAN BEFORE CROWN PRINCE'S ANTICIPATED DEPARTURE FOR JAPAN MAY 6. YOU SHOULD EXPLAIN TO HRH THAT SOBER'S INABILITY MAKE TRIP AT THIS TIME IS DUE SOLELY TO EXCEPTIONAL ORGANIZATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO RESTRUCTURING OF NEA BUREAU AND TO NEED FOR SOBER HERE OVER NEXT THREE WEEKS. THIS IN NO WAY REFLECTS LESSENING OF USG INTEREST IN CROWN PRINCE'S EFFORTS IN DEVELOPMENTAL FIELD. YOU MAY ASSURE HIM OF OUR CONTINUED DETERMINATION TO GIVE CONTINUING HIGH LEVEL ATTENTION AND SUPPORT TO HRH'S ACTIVITIES IN THIS REGARD. SOBER OR OTHER DESIGNATED BUREAU LEVEL OFFICER WILL BE WASHINGTON FOCAL POINT FOR COORDINATING US EFFORTS IN SUPPORT OF JORDANIAN DEVELOPMENT AND WILL LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING AND WORKING
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WITH CROWN PRINCE DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND TO

MAKING TRIP TO JORDAN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THEREAFTER.

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